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Merritt named school superintendent of year

Dr. Monica Merritt, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, was named as the Michigan 2023 Superintendent of the Year by the Michigan Association of Superintendents & Administrators (MASA) during a surprise agenda item at the board of education meeting last week.

The Michigan Superintendent of the Year award, presented annually by MASA and sponsored this year by Michigan Virtual, is presented to a superintendent who has shown tremendous effort and dedication to enriching the lives of students and the community as a whole, according to an association website. The winner is selected from a pool of nominees by a panel representing education stakeholders across the state.

"I have worked with Monica for many years, and I know what an incredible and dedicated leader she is," said MASA Executive Director Dr. Tina Kerr. "In her time at Plymouth-Canton, Monica has shown her commitment to students, staff, and the community, and it's reflected in resume and her nomination for this award. We are very proud that Monica is representing Michigan as this year's Superintendent of the Year."

In 2015, Merritt was named superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the fifth largest district in the state with more than 16,300 students across 15 elementary schools, five middle schools, three high schools, an alternative high school program, a virtual academy, and a post-secondary program. The district is continually recognized as one of the top districts in the state.

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"Superintendent Merritt is a special, one-of-a-kind leader - she is devoted, hard-working, and gracious," said Diane Robertson, Merritt's executive assistant and one of her nominators for the award. "Despite the pressure and never-ending responsibilities of her role, she still has a booming, infectious laugh that makes anyone within earshot smile."

According to Robertson, Merritt's passion for inclusion, equity, and strength in action are traits which she learned from her father, Herman Boone - football coach at TC Williams High School in Alexandria, Va., whose story was portrayed in the Disney movie "Remember the Titans" - and that she carries on to the next generation.

Under Merritt's leadership, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has been recognized with the NASRO Safe School Award, several National Blue Ribbon School awards, Michigan Schools to Watch, and U.S. News and World Report Best Schools Ranking List.

"Under her leadership, our staff has supported students as they endured not only the global pandemic, but also national, state, and local turmoil," said Bethany Rayl, chief academic officer at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, who also nominated Merritt. "Maintaining the focus on what is best for students at all times, Monica helped ensure that all PCCS students were supported and cared for during these tumultuous times while consistently maintaining a focus on educational excellence."

Merritt is also an active community volunteer. She has been a member of numerous state and local organizations, including MASA, the Michigan Association of African American Superintendents, Metro Bureau Association, Wayne County School Superintendent Association, K-12 Alliance, Rotary Club of Plymouth, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Canton Chamber of Commerce, and the Educational Excellence Foundation Board of Directors.

Prior to her tenure as superintendent, Merritt was the assistant superintendent of human resources for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. She also spent time as the executive director of human resources, a middle school principal, and high school assistant principal at Ypsilanti Community Schools.

Monica Merritt

Merritt earned her doctor of education degree in May 2022 from Michigan State University. She also holds master's and bachelor's degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University.

As the 2023 MASA Superintendent of the Year honoree, Merritt is now in the running for the national Superintendent of the Year award from the American Association of School Administrators (AASA). In addition, Merritt will be formally recognized at the MASA 2023 Midwinter Conference in January in Kalamazoo. A $1,000 student scholarship will also be donated by the award sponsor, Michigan Virtual, to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in her honor.

Welcome to Bedford Falls--east

Crowd support wins holiday showing of beloved film at Penn

Public support saved the historic Penn Theatre from the wrecking ball in 2003 and last week, that same public display of concern saved the traditional holiday showing of a beloved classic film at the theater.

In response to the large gathering of supporters under the theater marquee last Thursday, Paramount Pictures relented and will allow the theater to show the holiday film during the first weekend in December. That decision reversed an earlier announcement that Paramount Pictures had granted exclusive licensing for "It's a Wonderful Life" to Fathom Events for the holiday season. There was a nationwide moratorium in place, and no other theaters, including the Penn, would be allowed to show the film which has been a tradition at the theater for 15 years.

Hundreds of supporters flocked to the Penn Theatre in Plymouth last week in an effort to convince Paramount to allow the showing of It's A Wonderful Life at the theater this holiday season.

Friends of the Penn Executive Director Ellen Elliot learned of the moratorium early last week and on Wednesday posted the decision on social media. Elliot said she knew that Paramount had approved exceptions to theaters that had shown the movie every year. Elliot asked Plymouth residents to show up and demonstrate their support for the 1946 classic.

She got her early holiday wish when more than 200 supporters showed up, many brandishing handmade signs, to have their photos taken to send to Paramount pleading for the holiday classic which is a tradition in Plymouth.

Elliot explained that the outpouring of support in only 24 hours was typical of the Plymouth community which saved the historic theater from demolition in 2003. The Penn was reopened in 2006 after nearly $1 million in renovations funded by donations and fundraisers. The Penn now operates as a non-profit.

Elliot said that seeing the classic film on the large theater screen during the holidays is a unique experience in Plymouth when folks then walk out the front doors and see Kellogg Park and the Walk of Trees illuminated for the season.

"Community support saved the Penn from being demolished and today it saved one of Plymouth's treasured Christmas traditions," she said.

Romulus

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No tricks, only treats

Members of the Romulus Police Department were on hand last week as the Romulus Athletic Center hosted the annual Halloween event for youngsters. Officers agreed the event was a great time and enjoyed seeing the creative costumes. They did admit, however, that they were "particularly partial to the Marios and police officers."

Person of the Year candidates sought

The 36th Person of the Year will be named in Romulus next spring.

Nominations for the honor will be accepted by the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce until Dec. 8 by mail, email, in person or online. No nominations postmarked or received after Dec. 8 will be considered for the honor.

The criteria for the nominees are individuals that have made significant contributions to

Romulus and residents of the community. Nominations should include a biographical synopsis should stating reasons the nominee should be honored as the Person of the Year. The award presentation ceremony will take place in spring, 2023, chamber officials said.

An online nomination form is available at admin@romuluschamber.org. Completed forms can be mailed to the chamber office at 11189 Shook road, Suite 200, Romulus, MI 48174. Additional nomination forms are also available at the chamber office.

Nomination are open to the public although the nominator must submit a contact telephone number or email address. Nominees do not have to be a resident of Romulus but must meet the criteria of having made a significant contribution to the city.

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee chosen by the members of the Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

CHAPTER 46 OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46 OF THE CANTON TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, SEC. 46-505 AND 46-507, TO BRING IT INTO COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW REGARDING YOUTH TOBACCO ACT, ACT 167 OF 2022

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SEC. 1. AMENDMENT TO CODE:

Sec. 46-505. - Sale of tobacco products, vapor product or alternative nicotine products to persons under 21 years of age.

(a) A person shall not sell, give or furnish any cigarette, cigar, chewing tobacco, tobacco snuff or tobacco in any form or vapor products or alternative nicotine products to a person under 21 years of age including but not limited to, through a vending machine. A person who violates this subsection or subsection (h) of this Ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine as follows:
(i) For a first offense, not more than $100.00.

(ii) For a second offense, not more than $500.00.

(iii) For a third or subsequent offense, not more than $2,500.00.

(b) A person who sells tobacco products, vapor products, or alternative nicotine products at retail shall post a sign as required by section 1 of Public Act No. 31 of 1915 (MCL 722.641), furnished by the state department of public health, that includes the following statement:
The purchase of tobacco products or vapor products or alternative nicotine products by a minor under 21 years of age and the provision of tobacco products or vapor products or alternative nicotine products to a minor are prohibited by law. A minor who unlawfully purchases or uses a tobacco products, vapor product or alternative nicotine product is subject to criminal penalties.
(c) It is an affirmative defense to a charge pursuant to subsection (a) of this section that the defendant had in force at the time of arrest and continues to have in force a written policy to prevent the sale of cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, tobacco snuff, and other tobacco products, vapor products or alternative nicotine products, as applicable, to persons under 21 years of age, and that the defendant enforced and continues to enforce the policy. A defendant which proposes to offer evidence of the affirmative defense described in this subsection shall file and serve notice of the defense, in writing, upon the court and the township attorney. The notice shall be served not less than 14 days before the date set for trial.
(d) A township attorney who proposes to offer testimony to rebut the affirmative defense described in subsection (c) of this section shall file and serve a notice of rebuttal, in writing, upon the court and the defendant. The notice shall be served not less than 7 days before the date set for trial, and shall contain the name and address of each rebuttal witness.
(e) Subsection (a) does not apply to the handling or transportation of a tobacco product, vapor product, or alternative nicotine product by a minor under the terms of the minor's employment.
(f) Before selling, offering for sale, giving, or furnishing a tobacco product, vapor product, or alternative nicotine product to an individual, a person shall verify that the individual is at least 21 years of age by doing one of the following:
(i) If the person appears to be under 27 years of age, examining a government-issued photographic identification that establishes that the individual is at least 21 years of age.
(ii) For sales made by the internet or other remote sales method, performing an age verification through an independent, third-party age verification service that compares information available from a commercially available database, or aggregate of databases, that are regularly used by government agencies and businesses for the purpose of age and identity verification to the personal information entered by the individual during the ordering process that establishes that the individual is 21 years of age or older.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CODE:

Chapter 46, Article VIII, Division 1 of the Charter Township of Canton Code of Ordinances, Sec- 46-506, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-506. - Possession or use of tobacco, vapor products or alternative nicotine products.

(a) Definitions. As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply:

Chewing tobacco means loose tobacco or a flat, compressed cake of tobacco which is inserted into the mouth to be chewed or sucked.

Minor means an individual who is less than 21 years of age.

Person who sells vapor products or alternative nicotine products at retail means a person whose ordinary course of business consists, in whole or in part, of the retail sale of vapor products or alternative nicotine products.

Person who sells tobacco products at retail means a person whose ordinary course of business consists, in whole or in part, of the retail sale of tobacco products subject to state sales tax.

Public place means a public street, sidewalk, or park or any area open to the general public in a publicly owned or operated building or public place of business.

Tobacco product means a product that contains tobacco and is intended for human consumption, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, non-cigarette smoking tobacco, or smokeless tobacco, as those terms are defined in section 2 of the Tobacco Products Tax Act, 1993 PA 327, MCL 205.422, and a cigar.

Tobacco snuff means shredded, powdered or pulverized tobacco which may be inhaled through the nostrils, chewed or placed against the gums.

Vapor Product or Alternative Nicotine Products means a noncombustible product containing nicotine or not that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine or not in a solution or other form. Vapor Product includes an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and a vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form than is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device. Vapor Product does not include a product regulated as a drug or device by the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") under subchapter V of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 351 to 360FFF-7.

(b) *Possession or use in public place prohibited.* A person under 21 years of age shall not possess or smoke cigarettes or cigars, or possess or chew, suck, or inhale chewing tobacco or tobacco snuff, or possess or use tobacco in any other form, or possess or smoke vapor product or alternative nicotine products on a public highway, street, alley, park, or other lands used for public purposes, or in a public place of business or amusement, or present or offer to an individual a purported proof of age that is false, fraudulent, or not actually his or her own proof of age for the purpose of purchasing, attempting to purchase, possessing, or attempting to possess a tobacco product.

(c) *Penalty.* A person who violates subsection (b) of this section shall be responsible for a state civil infraction or misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than $50.00 for each offense. Pursuant to a probation order, the court may require a person who violates subsection (b) of this section to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program, if available. A probationer who is ordered to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program under this section is responsible for the cost of participating in the program. In addition, a person who violates this section is subject to the following:

(1) For the first violation the court may order the person to do one of the following:

a. Perform not more than 16 hours of community service in a hospice, nursing home or long-term care facility.
b. Participate in a health promotion and risk reduction program, as described in this subsection.

(2) For a second violation, in addition to participation in a health promotion and risk reduction program, the court may order the person to perform not more than 32 hours of community service in a hospice, nursing home, or long-term care facility.

(3) For a third or subsequent violation, in addition to participation in a health promotion and risk reduction program, the court may order the person to perform not more than 48 hours of community service in a hospice, nursing home or long-term care facility.

(d) A person who is ordered to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program under subsection (c) is responsible for the costs of participating in the program.

(e) Subsections (b) and (c) do not apply to a minor participating in any of the following:

(i) An undercover operation in which the minor purchases or receives a tobacco product, vapor product, or alternative nicotine product under the direction of the minor's employer and with the prior approval of the local prosecutor's office as part of an employer-sponsored internal enforcement action.

(ii) An undercover operation in which the minor purchases or receives a tobacco product, vapor product, or alternative nicotine product under the direction of the state police or a local police agency as part of an enforcement action, unless the initial or contemporaneous purchase or receipt of the tobacco product, vapor product, or alternative nicotine product by the minor was not under the direction of the state police or the local police agency and was not part of the undercover operation.

(e) Compliance checks in which the minor attempts to purchase tobacco products for the purpose of satisfying federal substance abuse block grant youth tobacco access requirements, if the compliance checks are conducted under the direction of a substance use disorder coordinating agency and with the prior approval of the state police or a local police agency.

(f) This section does not prohibit an individual from being charged with, convicted of, or sentenced for any other violation of law that arises out of the violation of subsection (b) or (c).

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application of thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not have been included in this ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinance is conflict herewith is hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE

All rights and duties which have matured penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 25th day of October, 2022, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Michael Siegrist, Clerk

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Inkster - Belleville

High school football recruitment questioned

Belleville High School head football coach Jermain Crowell is currently under investigation for a possible undue influence violation by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Crowell has denied any wrongdoing which is alleged to have occurred with attempts to recruit and enroll senior wide receiver/defensive back Jameel Croft, Jr. who plays for Detroit King High School. In an interview, Croft reportedly said that the Belleville coach made overtures to him and was picking him up for seven on seven practices before he enrolled at King. The star player said that Belleville was the first high school to reach out to him.

That type of early contact with a player is a violation of the undue influence rule of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Providing transportation to practices is considered an even more serious violation, according to association rules.

Mark Uyl, executive director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, told reporters the association was waiting for a response from Crowell and Belleville. He confirmed that a review of the conduct in the matter of Croft's enrollment was ongoing.

Belleville athletic director Joe Brodie is also reportedly investigating any possible irregularities. He told reporters that he had asked Crowell about the report and that the coach specifically denied the allegation.

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"I never picked him up," Crowell reportedly told a reporter. He also indicated that the manner in which Croft was questioned about the situation may have been less than objective.

Crowell has been coaching at Belleville for eight seasons and was formerly the defensive coordinator at Detroit Cass Tech. Prior to his hiring at Belleville, the football program was struggling while under his coaching, the current district champions are enjoying a 20-game winning streak. The team will be defending their championship in the state playoffs which begin this week.

Crowell said the timing of the allegations were a clear distraction during the upcoming playoffs. Brodie said he hoped to present his response to the state association as soon as his own inquiries were complete.

He said he was hoping for a quick conclusion to the review and that Belleville would comply with whatever recommendations the association might make in the situation.

"We'll do whatever they say," Brodie told reporters.

Sumpter voters to choose new treasurer on Tuesday

Voters in Sumpter Township will choose a new treasurer next Tuesday.

Democratic candidate Sheena Barnes and Republican Bart Patterson are each seeking the partial term which will expire Nov. 20, 2024.

Barnes, 62, has previously been unsuccessful in campaigns for Sumpter Township trustee, clerk and treasurer. She was appointed to a partial term as a trustee in 2018. Barnes has operated a BBQ food service from a truck on her Sumpter Road residence for nearly 35 years.

She is the mother of three and grandmother of five and is a graduate of Airport High School and attended Wayne County Community College.

Her candidacy has been marked with controversy following an obscenity-laced phone call she placed to Township Supervisor Tim Bowman and multiple health and licensing violations at her food business.

Barnes has made numerous unfounded allegations regarding the financial conduct of the current board of trustees despite the top financial rating recently received from independent auditors.

Patterson, 55, is a 26-year resident of the township. He and his wife are the parents of two adult children and grandparents of two children.

Patterson has owned and operated his own construction remodeling company for 30 years and following graduation from high school attended trade college.

He was unsuccessful in his bid for election to the township board nearly 20 years ago but was appointed to the township planning commission where he has served for two years. He is active in his church where he serves in the children's ministry and is also a SCUBA diving instructor. He is also a CPR/First Aid/AED instructor with the Red Cross.

Patterson said his skills as an entrepreneur would help the township plan for future growth while protecting the township's financial health. He said planning can improve the township standard of living through balanced development.

That's the spirit

Michael Manson, Jr. of Inkster received the 2022 Spirit of Detroit award from the City of Detroit for outstanding achievement and service to the community. Manson founded House of Jit, LLC, showcasing Detroit Jit, a legendary local street dance style. His Joyce Awards-winning project "Rhythm of the Feet" will be a concert-length dance production presented in partnership with Living Arts. Manson said he was "Blessed to win the Spirit of Detroit award and I couldn't have did this without God , hard work and dedication. I've invited so many people on this journey and many didn't believe in the process, but for those that did, I would like to thank you all for that. I will also like to thank the city of Inkster supporting me since day one. I Would like to thank Gabriela Santiago-Romero for giving me this award." A Spirit of Detroit Award can be requested from any city council member for a person, event or organization being honored for an outstanding achievement or service to the citizens of Detroit.

NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENT TO COMMENCE PROCEEDINGS TO FORFEIT AND DISPOSE OF PROPERTY

TO: All interested persons

You are hereby notified that on 11/12/2021, pursuant to MCL 600.4701 et seq, the Canton Township Police Department seized the following described property: $161.50 U.S. Currency and Marcus Recharde Timmons was convicted of the crime of Stolen Property – Receiving and Concealing – Motor Vehicle pursuant to MCL 750.535(7) and sentenced on October 05, 2022.

To file a claim of interest in this property you must within twenty (28) days of the first publication of this notice file claim with the Canton Township Police Department at 1150 S. Canton Road, Canton, MI 48188, Telephone No. (734) 394-5400. Failure to file a written claim will result in the forfeiture of the seized item(s) to the seizing policy agency in accordance to law.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held on October 25, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted an amendment to the Zoning Map of the Zoning Ordinance (Article 8.00 of Appendix A - Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton) to rezone parcel nos. 075-99-0004-002 (1205 S. Ridge Rd.) and 075-99-0005-000 (1205 S. Ridge Rd.) from RR, Rural Residential to R-3, Single Family Residential. The parcels are located on the east side of Ridge Rd. between Proctor Rd. and Cherry Hill Rd.

This amendment to the Zoning Map of the Zoning Ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days after its publication date. Copies of the amendment may be viewed or obtained at the Canton Township Administration Building, Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 during regular business hours.

Publish: November 3, 2022
Effective Date: November 11, 2022

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

The Township of Sumpter, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Ml 48111, is seeking sealed bids for snow removal of sidewalks, driveways, and handicap ramps using Wayne County grant monies.

Bids must include the following:

1) Commercial Vehicle insurance for all vehicles used.
2) List of equipment used to provide snow removal.
3) Employer Federal Tax I.D.
4) Copy of Business License
5) List of all drivers and their driver's license numbers.
6) Liability insurance naming Sumpter Township as an additional insured. To be also provided from each contractor if subcontractors are used to provide snow removal.
7) Workers compensation certificate if employees are used to provide service.
8) Payment to be supplied from Wayne County Grant Funds-all regulations to be complied with.
9) Sealed bids are to be submitted to Township Clerk's Office by November 17, 2022, at 3:00 pm. Bids are to be opened on November 17, 2022, at 4:00 pm.

The Township of Sumpter is an equal opportunity employer.

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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS
2022
Holiday Home Tour
NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Announcing the return of NCF's
Live Holiday Home Tour!
Get Inspired & Capture the Holiday Spirit as You Tour 5 Beautifully Decorated Homes!
November 18 & 19, 10am-4pm
TICKETS: $25 in Advance / $30 at the Door
Tickets sales start Oct. 1st
Your Participation in Our Annual Fundraising Event Supports Maybury Farm's Animal Care Needs & Our Community Through Grants Awarded to Local Non-Profits & Students.
Advance Tickets available at local stores including Gardenviews, Pear-Aphernalia, the Chamber of Commerce & Design Du Jour or online through Brown Paper Tickets at northvillecommunityfoundation.org
Day of Event Tickets available at Ward Church.
No Food, Drink or Photography allowed.
No children under the age of 12.
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Belleville athletic director Joe Brodie is also reportedly investigating any possible irregularities. He told reporters that he had asked Crowell about the report and that the coach specifically denied the allegation.

> *Crowell said the timing of the allegations were a clear distraction during the upcoming playoffs.*

"I never picked him up," Crowell reportedly told a reporter. He also indicated that the manner in which Croft was questioned about the situation may have been less than objective.

Crowell has been coaching at Belleville for eight seasons and was formerly the defensive coordinator at Detroit Cass Tech. Prior to his hiring at Belleville, the football program was struggling while under his coaching, the current district champions are enjoying a 20-game winning streak. The team will be defending their championship in the state playoffs which begin this week.

Crowell said the timing of the allegations were a clear distraction during the upcoming playoffs. Brodie said he hoped to present his response to the state association as soon as his own inquiries were complete.

He said he was hoping for a quick conclusion to the review and that Belleville would comply with whatever recommendations the association might make in the situation.

"We'll do whatever they say,"

Sumpter voters to choose new treasurer on Tuesday

Voters in Sumpter Township will choose a new treasurer next Tuesday.

Democratic candidate Sheena Barnes and Republican Bart Patterson are each seeking the partial term which will expire Nov. 20, 2024.

Barnes, 62, has previously been unsuccessful in campaigns for Sumpter Township trustee, clerk and treasurer. She was appointed to a partial term as a trustee in 2018. Barnes has operated a BBQ food service from a truck on her Sumpter Road residence for nearly 35 years.

She is the mother of three and grandmother of five and is a graduate of Airport High School and attended Wayne County Community College.

Her candidacy has been marked with controversy following an obscenity-laced phone call she placed to Township Supervisor Tim Bowman and multiple health and licensing violations at her food business.

Barnes has made numerous unfounded allegations regarding the financial conduct of the current board of trustees despite the top financial rating recently received from independent auditors.

Patterson, 55, is a 26-year resident of the township. He and his wife are the parents of two adult children and grandparents of two children.

Patterson has owned and operated his own construction remodeling company for 30 years and following graduation from high school attended trade college.

He was unsuccessful in his bid for election to the township board nearly 20 years ago but was appointed to the township planning commission where he has served for two years. He is active in his church where he serves in the children's ministry and is also a SCUBA diving instructor. He is also a CPR/First Aid/AED instructor with the Red Cross.

Patterson said his skills as an entrepreneur would help the township plan for future growth while protecting the township's financial health. He said planning can improve the township standard of living through balanced development.

That's the spirit

Michael Manson, Jr. of Inkster received the 2022 Spirit of Detroit award from the City of Detroit for outstanding achievement and service to the community. Manson founded House of Jit, LLC, showcasing Detroit Jit, a legendary local street dance style. His Joyce Awards-winning project "Rhythm of the Feet" will be a concert-length dance production presented in partnership with Living Arts. Manson said he was "Blessed to win the Spirit of Detroit award and I couldn't have did this without God , hard work and dedication. I've invited so many people on this journey and many didn't believe in the process, but for those that did, I would like to thank you all for that. I will also like to thank the city of Inkster supporting me since day one. I Would like to thank Gabriela Santiago-Romero for giving me this award." A Spirit of Detroit Award can be requested from any city council member for a person, event or organization being honored for an outstanding achievement or service to the citizens of Detroit.

NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENT TO COMMENCE PROCEEDINGS TO FORFEIT AND DISPOSE OF PROPERTY

TO: All interested persons

You are hereby notified that on 11/12/2021, pursuant to MCL 600.4701 et seq, the Canton Township Police Department seized the following described property: $161.50 U.S. Currency and Marcus Recharde Timmons was convicted of the crime of Stolen Property – Receiving and Concealing – Motor Vehicle pursuant to MCL 750.535(7) and sentenced on October 05, 2022.

To file a claim of interest in this property you must within twenty (28) days of the first publication of this notice file claim with the Canton Township Police Department at 1150 S. Canton Road, Canton, MI 48188, Telephone No. (734) 394-5400. Failure to file a written claim will result in the forfeiture of the seized item(s) to the seizing policy agency in accordance to law.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held on October 25, 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted an amendment to the Zoning Map of the Zoning Ordinance (Article 8.00 of Appendix A - Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton) to rezone parcel nos. 075-99-0004-002 (1205 S. Ridge Rd.) and 075-99-0005-000 (1205 S. Ridge Rd.) from RR, Rural Residential to R-3, Single Family Residential. The parcels are located on the east side of Ridge Rd. between Proctor Rd. and Cherry Hill Rd.

This amendment to the Zoning Map of the Zoning Ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days after its publication date. Copies of the amendment may be viewed or obtained at the Canton Township Administration Building, Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 during regular business hours.

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Effective Date: November 11, 2022

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

The Township of Sumpter, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Ml 48111, is seeking sealed bids for snow removal of sidewalks, driveways, and handicap ramps using Wayne County grant monies.

Bids must include the following:

1) Commercial Vehicle insurance for all vehicles used.
2) List of equipment used to provide snow removal.
3) Employer Federal Tax I.D.
4) Copy of Business License
5) List of all drivers and their driver's license numbers.
6) Liability insurance naming Sumpter Township as an additional insured. To be also provided from each contractor if subcontractors are used to provide snow removal.
7) Workers compensation certificate if employees are used to provide service.
8) Payment to be supplied from Wayne County Grant Funds-all regulations to be complied with.
9) Sealed bids are to be submitted to Township Clerk's Office by November 17, 2022, at 3:00 pm. Bids are to be opened on November 17, 2022, at 4:00 pm.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

School questions to be on ballot Tuesday

2 board member terms to be decided

In addition to deciding on a sinking fund millage to help finance repairs and equipment in school buildings, voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district will also choose two members of the board of education.

Five candidates are vying for the two available terms including current board president David Cox. He is employed as a tax appeal consultant. Cox, the incumbent, has been involved in city and school government for more than two decades and cites his experience in school finance and administration among his qualifications.

Also vying for one of the two terms on the board are candidates LeWanna Abney-Mitchell; Denise Collop; Bradley Gray and Ryleigh Strong.

Abney-Mitchell is a first-time candidate who currently serves on the City of Inkster parks commission. She has worked for Starfish Family Services and has organized Getting Ahead and Bridges out of Poverty in local schools.

Gray is also first-time candidate who has worked as a clerk for the Michigan State Senate education committee and as an executive assistant for the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

This is also Collup's first campaign for political office. She lists her participation in an online local community discussion group on her official website.

Ryleigh Strong is also a first-time candidate who lists his participation in the Wayne Westland online community discussion board on his website.

District seeking sinking fund renewal

Members of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education have approved a sinking fund millage question which will face voters on the Nov. 8 ballot.

The 1-mill tax request is an effort to replace the current sinking fund levy which will expire next year. If approved by voters, the requested millage will become effective in 2014 and continue for a term of 10 years, according to ballot language.

Sinking funds can only be used to support school safety improvements, technology improvements and repair and construction of school buildings and facilities. New language in the state rules for use of a sinking fund millage now allows districts to use funds for security upgrades and technology upgrades or improvements.

The new sinking fund, a 1/10th of a mill increase is anticipated to generate about $2.2 million annually. The current sinking fund generates about $1.8 annually and district officials are mindful of the need for the estimated $400,000 increase. Officials said the current sinking fund has paid for roofs, boilers and parking lots and other building infrastructure repairs.

A mill is $1 for every $1,000 of taxable value of a home, usually about half market value.

The Sinking Fund will allow the district to properly maintain the more than 1,868,816 square feet of educational space and 587 acres of grounds and property in a condition suitable for the thousands of students and community members that use the schools on a daily basis, officials said.

Wayne voters are asked to approve tax hike

In addition to choosing three city council members, Wayne voters will be asked to approve a new 8-mill tax hike on the Nov. 8 ballot.

The new tax levy will be used to help fund the pension obligations of the city toward retired public safety employees, according to city officials. The new tax, which is $1 for every $1,000 of assessed valuation, usually half the market value of a home, would cost the owner of a $100,000 home in the city about $400 annually.

City officials have stated that the pension obligations are too steep for the current tax revenue collected. They claim that nearly 40 percent of the city budget is paid into the pension fund. Officials claim that the city will owe another $16 million into the pension fund within the next two years and does not have a revenue base to make those payments. Currently, they claim that while the city has 202 retirees collecting pension payment, only 76 current employees are paying into the fund. In a "friendly" lawsuit which the city did not defend in 2020, the city was ordered by the court to levy 13 mills to pay the pension costs.

> *Voters have rejected requests for increased millages f rom the city twice.*

The city is currently levying the maximum tax amount allowed by state law and must have voter approval to increase taxes any further. Voters have rejected requests for increased millages from the city twice in past elections.

Voters to choose Wayne City Council members

Voters in Wayne will choose three city council members from five candidates each seeking a two year term during voting next week.

Seats will be filled in wards four, five and six in the city. The city will disband the ward system in 2024 so all council members will be voted on by all electors in the city. In that election, all six council seats and the position of mayor will be on the ballot.

Next Tuesday, Matthew Mulholland, the former personnel director in the city, and incumbent Phillip Wagner will vie for the seat in Ward Six. Wagner has served on the council since 2018.

In Ward Five, two first-time candidates are seeking election. Eric Cleereman, who works in project management and service on the city parks and trails committee and Rabih Darwiche, who manages a gym and is the director of operations and peer recovery coach for the Safe Substance Abuse Coalition hope to gain voters' favor.

In Ward Four, Deborah Wass, who was appointed to the seat last year, is the only candidate seeking the term. She has previously served on the city planning commission and board of review.

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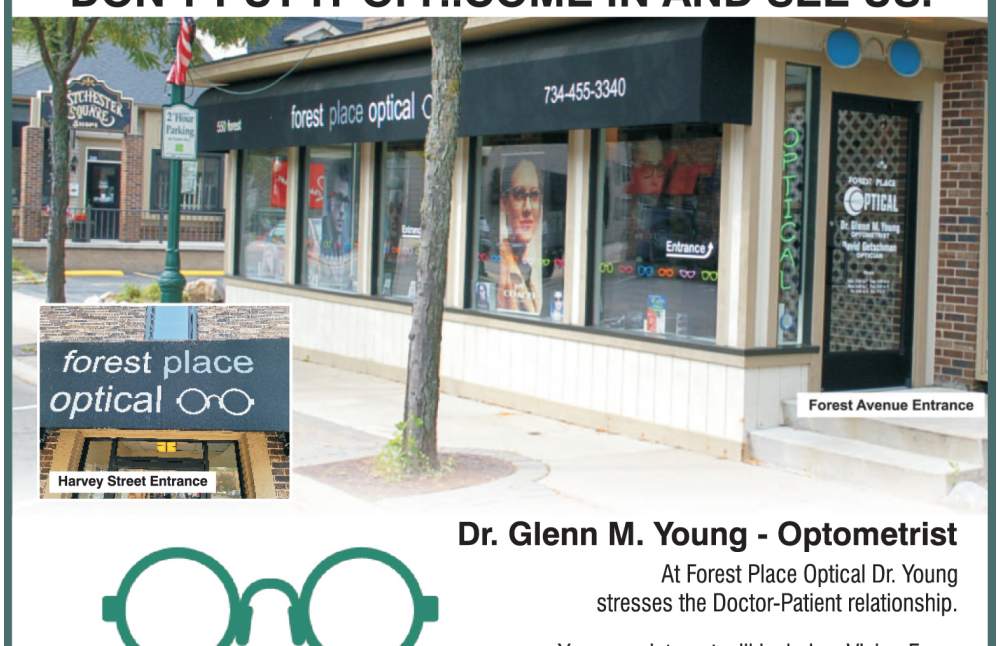

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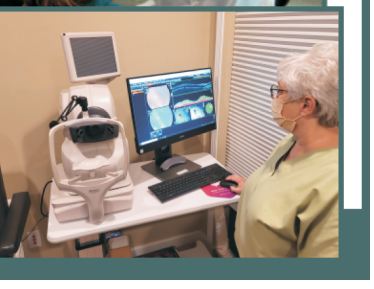

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Northville

City manager successor is sought

Finding a successor to current Northville City Manager Pat Sullivan will be on the agenda at both the Nov. 7 and Nov. 21 meetings of members of the city council.

Following a special meeting Oct. 25, council members opted to recruit am interim city manager to fill the position until a permanent successor to Sullivan could be found. Sullivan will retire on Jan. 6, 2023.

> *Sullivan will retire on Jan. 6, 2023.*

During the public comment section of the agenda during the special meeting, former council woman Nancy Darga recalled that she was on the council when Sullivan was hired 16 years ago. She reminded council members that there are time-sensitive challenges in the city including pending grants and matters that must continue to advance during the leadership transition

Varga suggested that council ensure assistance to ensure projects remain within the allotted timeframes.

Resident Susan Hafleigh suggested that the council adopt a three-tiered approach to filling the position. She suggested hiring an interim manager while seeking a long-term manager but bring in services to help make the transition into the new year. She told the council that she recognized the third tier would be an added expense but said she was in favor of relieving any pressure on the transitional team to find a long-term replacement.

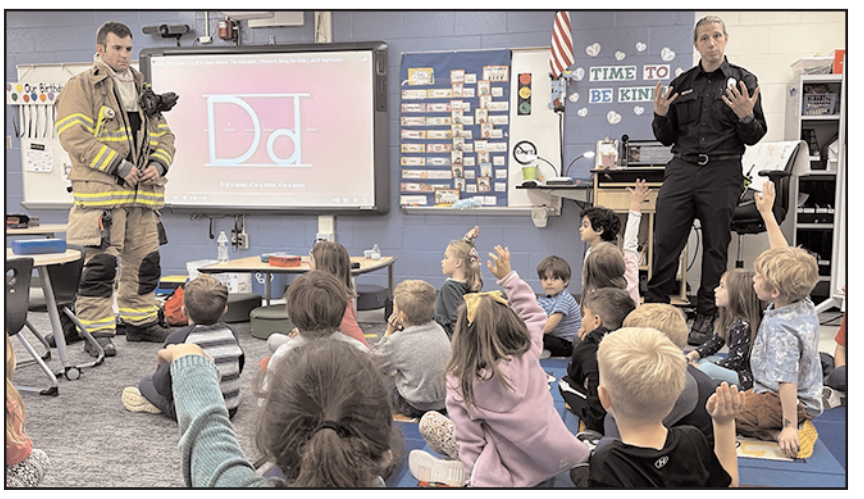
Councilmembers opted to focus on hiring an interim city manager, with a subcommittee of councilmembers Marilyn Price and Andrew Krenz working with the city manager to obtain a list of qualified candidates from the Michigan Municipal League and other sources. A subcommittee consisting of Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Moroski-Browne and Councilman John Carter will work with the city manager to develop a recommendation for a search firm.

Progress updates on these action items will be presented to the full council at the Nov. 7 meeting when progress finding an interim manager will be reported and at the Nov. 21 meeting when hiring of a recruitment firm will be on the agenda.

Pat Sullivan

Safety first

Members of the Northville Township Fire Department received a warm welcome from students at Moraine Elementary School recently. The firefighters visited the school to talk to the pupils about fire and life safety. Kindergarteners enjoyed a tour of the fire truck and equipment and firefighters discussed various safety topics with other classes. They explained how firefighters help their community; why it's important to stay away from hot things; the importance of smoke alarms and why families need escape plans. To learn more about the importance of providing fire and life safety education, visit https://ntwp.org/3TnSmiF.



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